

**SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING - July 12, 2005**

The City Commission met in special workshop session and discussed the Proposed City of Tallahassee Budget for FY2006, taking the following action:

- Directed staff to proceed with the ongoing Mission Road, White Drive, Orange Avenue and Welaunee Boulevard road projects; pending further discussion, deferred any action on Governors Square Boulevard and Trojan Trail PASS
- Requested an overall chart that would help the public understand why the level of service (LOS) changed, including the current level of service (LOS) of all public works maintenance areas, the standard LOS for those areas, what was being done, what the ideal would be, the cost of the ideal solution, and what was being spent
- Referred the issue of funding the maintenance LOS to the Financial Viability of the Government Target Issue Committee
- Voted 5-0 to double the current funding to \$50,000 for the St. Francis Wildlife organization
- Voted 5-0 to include a funding level of \$150,000 for the Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Voted 5-0 to include the proposed TalTran fares rate increase covering operating costs effective November 1, 2005
- Voted 4-1 (Commissioner Lightsey opposed) to include \$500,000 as a placeholder for initial TalTran Renaissance costs; and clarified that recommendations from the TalTran Renaissance Study would be brought to the Commission in October 2005
- Voted 5-0 to include \$75,000 to the Cultural Resources Commission (CRC) for Cultural Resources implementation
- Voted 5-0 to include funding in the amount of \$765,000 in FY07, bringing the total Kleman Plaza Master Plan to \$1.4 million (The project currently has \$635,000 appropriated.)
- Voted 5-0 to remove the sale of the Northwest Park property from the Budget in FY2007 for a future decision to be made whether to annex some of the northwest areas into the City, or sell the property to the County and help with the development of the park, or sell part of the property and develop a passive park
- Requested a percentage analysis of the City or County population supporting existing regional parks
- Voted 5-0 to include \$4,500 for Police costs associated with the annual Springtime Tallahassee 10K run
- Voted 5-0 to establish a fee for Police fingerprinting services
- Voted 5-0 to add two (2) positions to the Animal Shelter budget, with the caveat that the Director of the Animal Shelter would decide on the positions; a prior motion to add three (3) positions had failed on a 2-3 vote (Commissioners Marks, Gillum and Mustian opposed)
- Concurred that the ISS Director could utilize the new positions to be provided to ISS toward the most urgent needs
- Voted 3-2 (Mayor Marks and Commissioner Gillum opposed) to include in the budget a 3.5% increase to the base amount for general employee salary enhancements, but to allow employees to be eligible for an increase of up to 4% based on merit

Commissioner Lightsey and Mayor Marks expressed concern with the effects reduced staffing had had on several City departments.

Commissioner Gillum and Lightsey flagged for future discussion the A. J. Henry Park Improvements Project and Intersection Improvements Project.

Commissioner Lightsey requested that:

- the issue of increasing the number of sworn Police Officers be brought back for some decisions for the FY2007 Budget;
- the 800 MHz versus digital radio communications issue be referred to the Technology Target Issue Committee; and
- some policy recommendations be brought back relating to RR&I funding and maintenance of the City's physical plant.

Commissioner Katz indicated he would bring back a recommendation to delay for a year the approval of a biennial budget.

The Commission thanked the City staff involved in the hurricane emergency over the previous weekend.

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